

Linking words *and*, *but* and *because*

We use the linking word *and* to connect two ideas and indicate addition.

He likes bicycling and acting.

We use the word *but* to connect two opposite ideas and indicate contrast.

They like playing the guitar, but they don't like singing.

We use the word *because* to introduce the reason for something.

He likes to listen to classical music because it relaxes him.

Task 1: Complete the sentences using *and*, *but* or *because*.

1. I like playing soccer _____ baseball.
2. My mom likes cooking, _____ she doesn't like washing the dishes.
3. She likes going to parties _____ she enjoys dancing.
4. Frogs can hop, _____ they can't fly.
5. You have to speak louder _____ he can't hear very well.
6. They like to watch soap operas _____ movies on TV.
7. It was expensive, _____ they gave me a discount.

Task 2: Complete the text with *and*, *but* or *because*.

This morning Henry got up at eight thirty. He was hungry (1) _____ there wasn't any food in the kitchen. He wanted milk, cereal (2) _____ orange juice. He went to the store, (3) _____ when he got there, it was still closed. He did not want to wait for the store to open (4) _____ it was raining. He went back home and into the kitchen. There was only some grapefruit juice and brown bread, (5) _____ Henry hates grapefruit juice (6) _____ brown bread! "This is not a good morning," he thought, and went back to bed!